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Correction of Errors to Amendment C

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please be advised that errors in Amendment C dated December 26, 2001 have been discovered. Applicant respectfully requests that they be corrected as follows:

Page 12, l. 20, after "In light of" change "this" to "the".

Page 28, l. 23, the following ultimate sentence was inadvertently omitted during word processing and should be inserted:

"The fact that Kocher teaches the use of symmetric ciphers to encrypt documents for confidentiality purposes during storage in the archive (Col. 10, lines 32-36) but does not also suggest the use DIVs or TTIs as encryption keys simultaneously to sign symmetrically during encryption as a MAC signature, establishes the novelty of former Claim 48 now Claim 63 over Kocher."

Please permit correction of the errors and accept the apologies of the Applicant.

Very respectfully,




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